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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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TO: The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: G. Marvin Gentile *yes*  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security *CMR*

SUBJECT: *0* LAINGEN, Lowell Bruce  
(DOB: 8-6-22)

Mr. Laingen in his proposed assignment to the National War College for the 1967-68 session will need access to Restricted Data of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Pursuant to procedures prescribed by Public Law 87-206, the Atomic Energy Commission may accept investigations previously conducted by another government agency provided a security clearance has been granted on the basis thereof. Our records reflect Mr. Laingen was the subject of an investigation (Public Law 402) by your Bureau in 1950.

It would be appreciated if copies of the reports of the above-mentioned investigation was furnished to Mr. Earl F. Lane, Assistant Director for Administration, Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commission.

cc: Atomic Energy Commission

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FULL NAME	PRESENT BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS (Give complete current address, including street and number)	BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION
Kenneth Björk	St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.	Professor
Mrs. L. E. Lorenzon	2825 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.	Professor
Gordon Levenson		Businessman
Clarence E. Nelson	Augustana Lutheran Church, N. Hamp. Ave., N. W., Wash., D. C.	Pastor
Caspar Nordby		Farmer

## 8. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES

NAME	RELATION	ADDRESS
Palmer K. Laingen	Father	
Kenneth Laingen	Brother	
Mrs. Mabel Laingen	Mother	
Carl Eng	Uncle	

## 9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.

None

10. (A) WERE YOU EVER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE?

YES

NO.

(B) IS THE WORD "HONORABLE" OR THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" USED IN YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO SHOW THE TYPE OF YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION?

X

X

(C) WAS SERVICE PERFORMED ON AN ACTIVE FULL-TIME BASIS, WITH FULL MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES?

X

(D) DATE OF ENTRY OR ENTRIES INTO SERVICE

DATE OF SEPARATION OR SEPARATIONS

July 1, 1943

14 August, 1946

BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc.)

NAVY

SERIAL NO. (if none, give grade or rating at time of separation).

## 11. LIST IN DETAIL ANY PRESENT OR FORMER FOREIGN CONNECTIONS:

None

## 12. RELATIVES NOW RESIDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

NAME

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No close relations abroad.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. **123-6274**

Date: **October 12, 1950**

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, **WASHINGTON FIELD**

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: **LOWELL BROOK LAINSON**  
**SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT**  
**Public Law 402, 80th Congress**  
**VOICE OF AMERICA**

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by **October 26, 1950**

Address: **2037 G St., NW, Wash. D.C.**

Birth date: **8-6-32**

Birthplace: **Odin Township, Minn.**

**WASHINGTON FIELD:**

Check State Department, ONI, CSC and NCVA files.

Include in your report a statement that the Bureau advised you that a search of the central files of the FBI has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with applicant was found.

**Enclosure**

CC - Minneapolis (AMSD)(EC) **FU 10/30**  
Omaha (AMSD)(EC)  
New York (30)(KHO)

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

OM FILE NO. **123-403**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Omaha, Nebr.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-25-50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-17, 18-50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>STEPHEN F. NUGENT CAW</b>
TITLE <b>LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress VOICE OF AMERICA</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant attended the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, where he was enrolled in U. S. Navy V-12 training from July 1, to November 1, 1943. Instant record contained nothing of an adverse nature and reflected above average grades. LAINGEN has no credit or criminal record at Dubuque.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau File 123-6274  
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 10-12-50.

**DETAILS: EDUCATION**

Miss BETTY MUIR, Clerk in the Registrar's Office at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, provided scholastic record number 3469, which disclosed that LAINGEN was registered in the U. S. Navy V-12 training from July 1, to November 1, 1943. Instant record contained nothing of an adverse nature and reflected above average grades. Miss MUIR disclosed that this individual resided in quarters provided by the Navy and advised that no one on the present staff of the college taught LAINGEN.

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REQ. REC'D *6-26-61*

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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CREDIT

Mr. ARTHUR OETH, Manager of the Dubuque Credit Bureau, Dubuque, Iowa, examined his files and advised that they contained no reference to this individual.

CRIMINAL

Detective JOHN BRADY of the Dubuque, Iowa Police Department, checked his files and advised that they contained no record for this individual.

The records of the Dubuque County Sheriff's Office, Dubuque, Iowa, were examined by Miss NELL MALOY, Clerk, who advised that no record was located which could be identified with this individual.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

NY FILE NO. 123-4151 JWD:BTC

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/25/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/17/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EUGENE W. WALSH</b>
TITLE <b>LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN enlisted U. S. Navy  
10/19/42; commissioned Ensign 4/19/44.  
Enlisted record is clear.

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CC TO: *Rec.*

REQ. REC'D 3-126-07

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BY: *[Signature]*

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file number 123-6274.  
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 10/12/50.

**DETAILS:**

The records of Navy Records Center, Garden City, Long Island, New York, reflect that LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN, Serial No. 7020997, entered the military service at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 19, 1942, in the rank of Apprentice Seaman. The records show he was born on August 6, 1922, Odin Township, Minnesota. At Wellesley, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1944, he was commissioned Ensign. His Navy enlisted record is clear.

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Navy records were checked by SE JOHN W. DOBBINS.

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BUREAU

MPLS FILE NO. 123-443

REPORT MADE AT <b>MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-1-50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-18,19,24,25-50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT L. SNYDER</b> <span style="float: right;">MM</span>
TITLE <b>LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, Public Law 402, 80th Congress VOICE OF AMERICA</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant's birth verified. Both parents born in Minnesota. Applicant attended High School, Butterfield, Minn., September, 1936 to May 31, 1940, graduating first in class of twenty, I.Q. 128. Entered St. Olaf College September 10, 1940 to 1943 when entered Navy. Finished college at University of Minnesota and given B.A. Degree by St. Olaf January 31, 1947 with cum laude rating. Entered University of Minnesota, School of Science, Literature and Arts, September 30, 1946 as adult special. Transferred to Graduate School January 7, 1947 majoring in International Relations. Granted M.A. Degree August 25, 1949. Neighborhood and references all favorable as to character, reputation and loyalty of applicant and relatives. Applicant has no credit rating. Family credit rating very high. No criminal record applicant or family.

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CC TO: *[Signature]*  
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 BY: *[Signature]*

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Bureau to Washington Field dated 10-12-50

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DETAILS: Investigation at Butterfield and Odin, Minnesota, was conducted by SA JOHN RYAN THAYER; at Northfield, Minnesota, by SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON; and, at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, by the writer.

#### BIRTH

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, reflect that applicant was born August 6, 1922 in Odin Township, Minnesota. The records reflect that his father, first name PALMER, occupation farmer, was born in Minnesota, and his mother's name was reflected as IDA, also born in Minnesota.

#### EDUCATION

Mr. W. S. SATHER, Principal, Butterfield, Minnesota High School, advised that according to his records the applicant entered in September, 1936 and was graduated May 31, 1940. He ranked first in a class of twenty and maintained a straight "A" average with the exception of one B plus during his entire high school career. The applicant's intelligence quotient under the Kuhlmann-Anderson Test was 128.

Mr. SATHER advised that he is not acquainted with the applicant, but knows the LAINGEN family and stated that they are well-to-do farmers who have an excellent reputation in this community and are highly regarded by their neighbors.

Miss HAZEL CLARK, English Instructor, Butterfield, Minnesota High School, advised that she has known the applicant for many years and is also acquainted with his parents. According to Miss CLARK, the applicant is a boy of unusual ability, has excellent character and is a loyal citizen. Mr. LAINGEN's family are prominent farmers and are well regarded at Butterfield, Minnesota.

Miss DORIS BERG, Secretary, Office of Academic Administration, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, advised that LAINGEN entered St. Olaf on September 10, 1940 and attended until 1943 when he entered the Navy. He did not return to the school but after finishing his work at the University of Minnesota, he graduated from St. Olaf with a B.A. Degree in History and Economics on January 31, 1947 with a cum laude rating. The record reflected that he was born August 6, 1922 at Odin, Minnesota.

CARL R. SWANSON, Dean of Men Students, St. Olaf College, advised that he did not know LAINGEN while the latter was in school. Mr. SWANSON checked the disciplinary records of his office and advised that LAINGEN was never in any trouble while at St. Olaf.

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Dr. NORMAN NORDSTRAND, [redacted] who is Dean of Academic Administration, St. Olaf College, advised that he was Dean of Men when LAINGEN attended school and knew him well. Dr. NORDSTRAND stated that LAINGEN was an excellent student of good habits and character whose loyalty he never had any reason to question.

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At the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, at the Office of the Dean of Admissions and Records, Record #294741 reflects that applicant entered the School of Science, Literature and Arts on September 30, 1946 as an adult special. It reflects his address at that time as [redacted] (Address of applicant's uncle, CARL ENG). The files reflect that applicant then transferred to the Graduate School on January 7, 1947, majoring in International Relations under Plan B without a thesis. It reflects that a Degree of Master of Arts was granted August 25, 1949. The file does not reflect any derogatory information.

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD - APPLICANT AND FAMILY

Mr. JACOB BROGER, President of the State Bank of Butterfield, Minnesota, stated that he has known the LAINGEN family, as well as the applicant for many years, and regards them as very capable, hard working, competent people of excellent reputation in the community. They maintain a very satisfactory credit rating and are considered to be loyal, patriotic citizens.

Mr. IVAN BROGER, grocery store proprietor, Butterfield, Minnesota, advised that he has known the LAINGEN family for many years and considers them to be outstanding citizens of this community having good character, excellent credit, and loyal, patriotic American citizens.

Mrs. FRANK H. ANDERSON, [redacted] advised her husband is a machinist for the Milwaukee Railroad. She advised that she has known CARL ENG for the last nine years and that he has a good character, reputation and his loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. Mrs. ANDERSON advised that she also became acquainted with the applicant when he lived with his uncle, Mr. ENG, while attending school. She advised during the time applicant lived here she had met his folks when they visited this address. She advised it was her impression they were outstanding people, and so far as applicant is concerned, she thinks he is a model boy.

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#### REFERENCES

Dr. KENNETH BJORK, [redacted] Professor of History at St. Olaf College, advised that he taught LAINGEN at St. Olaf and

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and knew him quite well. He described LAINGEN as a very good student who was quite active in campus affairs. He never knew LAINGEN to be sympathetic in any way with Communism and stated he would recommend him highly from the standpoint of ability, character and loyalty.

Mrs. LILLY E. LORENZON, Professor of Swedish Languages, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, advised she has known applicant since he attended school here. She advised she would recommend him unhesitatingly for a position with the government. She advised that the applicant was one of a group of eight students whom she took to Sweden during one summer. She advised that applicant applied himself to the study of Political Science, showed initiative, dependability and other sterling qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. CASPAR NORDBY, farmers, Odin, Minnesota, advised that they have [redacted] and close associates of the LAINGEN family for many years and have known the applicant all of his life. Mr. and Mrs. NORDBY have the highest opinion concerning the applicant's character, personal habits and loyalty, and advised that Mr. PALMER K. LAINGEN, the applicant's father, is a prominent farmer having once served on the Odin Village Board. The loyalty of the LAINGEN family is unquestioned. Mr. NORDBY advised that the applicant has a brother, KENNETH, residing on the LAINGEN farm whose reputation in this community is excellent.

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Mr. GORDON LEVERSON, proprietor, Standard Oil Station, Odin, Minnesota, advised that he has known the applicant during most of his life and considers him to be a boy of unusual ability, good habits and loyalty.

#### CREDIT

As previously set out under Neighborhood Investigation for applicant and his family, they enjoy an excellent credit reputation at Butterfield, Minnesota.

The records of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau were negative as concerns the applicant.

The records of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau also reflect that applicant's uncle, CARL ENG, has a good credit rating.

#### CRIMINAL

The records of the Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office, Windom, Minnesota, contain no information concerning the applicant or the members of his family.

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GUY WELLS, Chief of Police, Northfield, Minnesota, and CHARLES CARVER, Deputy Sheriff, Rice County, Faribault, Minnesota, both advised that their departments have no record pertaining to LAINGEN.

The records of the Minneapolis Police Department, Identification Bureau, do not reflect any information concerning applicant or his uncle.

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SAC, Washington Field

October 19, 1950

SAC, New York

LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN  
Special Inquiry-State Department  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Reurfile. Enlisted Navy record reflects commission as Ensign on April 19, 1944, serial number 331063. Enlisted record clear. Handle.

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SAC, Washington Field

November 17, 1950

Director, FBI

LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Your attention is directed to the fact that the above captioned case has been in your office for over 30 days without a report having reached the Bureau as of 5:30 p.m. November 16, 1950.

It is desired that you give this matter your personal attention and expedite handling of this case.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 20, 1950

FROM : SAC GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Above captioned case is receiving continuous attention by this office. Delay has been caused by intervening matters of a more expeditious nature.

Report will be submitted by November 24, 1950.

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SAC, Washington Field

November 29, 1950

Director, FBI

LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
VOICE OF AMERICA

Your attention is directed to the extreme delinquency of this case. Bureau records fail to reflect a report having been received at the Bureau as of the close of business November 28, 1950.

You are instructed to give this matter your personal attention in order that a report will be submitted immediately.

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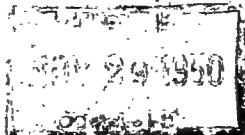
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December 8, 1950

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN  
VOA

It is again necessary to direct your attention to the extreme delinquency in this matter. A review of the Bureau file reflects a communication from you advising that a report would be submitted by November 24, 1950.

It is imperative that a report be submitted without further delay.

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Date: December 13, 1950

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief  
Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law, 402, 80th Congress  
VOICE OF AMERICA

There are transmitted herewith four reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person:

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Enclosure

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. 123-5791

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-11-50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-16,23,27;11-17,20,21,24-50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM KOSTERMAN e.jg</b>
TITLE <b>LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Employment, Dept. of State March 14, 1949—present verified and satisfactory. Supervisors recommend applicant. Navy Service, February 10, 1943—August 14, 1946 verified and satisfactory. Applicant attended American University and Berlitz School of Languages; received no degree. Neighbors comment favorably concerning applicant's character, reputation and loyalty. Applicant issued Passport April 11, 1947 for travel abroad for purpose of study. State Security records and CSC investigative records favorable. Credit records contain no credit information regarding applicant. Criminal, HCUA, ONI, FBI central files re loyalty negative concerning applicant.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 123-6274  
Bureau letter dated October 12, 1950  
New York letter dated October 19, 1950

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT

The applicant's personnel file maintained by the U. S. Department of State reflected that **LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN**, born August 6, 1922 at Odin Township, Minnesota, had been appointed Foreign Affairs Analyst, Division of Research, for Europe, U. S. Department of State, on March 14, 1949.

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On June 7, 1950 he was made Intelligence Research Analyst, which is his present position. This record contains one efficiency rating of "very good" and reflected no unfavorable information concerning the applicant. This record contained the additional information that the applicant had attended American University on the graduate level, and that he had pursued a course in Spanish at the Berlitz School of Languages. The file also reflected that Mr. LAINGEN had formerly resided at 1920 H Street NW.

Mr. EDDIE W. SCHODT, Deputy Chief of the section handling information for Western Europe, U. S. Department of State, advised that he has been the applicant's direct supervisor for approximately the past two years, and he described the applicant as a man of excellent character and reputation. He said that his social contacts with Mr. LAINGEN are rather limited, but he believes the applicant to be a man of discretion as well as a loyal American citizen. He said he believed Mr. LAINGEN to be moderate in everything he did, and described him as a man who is active in church affairs. Mr. SCHODT recommended the applicant highly for continued government employment of responsibility.

Mr. CLINTON KNOX, Assistant Chief, Division of Research for Europe, advised that he is the applicant's indirect supervisor and believes Mr. LAINGEN to be one of the most able young men in that division. He said that as far as he is concerned, the applicant's character, loyalty and reputation are above reproach, and he recommended him highly for continued government employment of responsibility. Mr. KNOX added that he has had no social contact with the applicant whatsoever.

The applicant's Navy Officer record reflected that he had been appointed a Midshipman, U. S. Naval Reserve, on December 10, 1943. He had been appointed Assistant Paymaster with the rank of Ensign as of March 20, 1944 to rank from April 19, 1944. He was detached on July 16, 1946 at Great Lakes, Illinois as a Lieutenant (jg) U. S. Naval Reserve, and ordered home. He was released from all active duty on August 14, 1946. His efficiency ratings ranged from "average" to "outstanding", and this record contained no unfavorable information regarding him. He was further shown as a Lieutenant (jg), Volunteer Reserve, inactive duty, as of November 16, 1948.

EDUCATION

Mrs. EDITH THAYER, Clerk, Registrar's Office, American University, advised that LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN had enrolled in the Graduate School of that university in February 1949 and had pursued two courses, receiving a grade of "A" in one course and a grade of "Incomplete" in the other course. She advised that the applicant is not currently enrolled at that school, and said that the applicant's former instructor is no longer available at that school. Mrs. THAYER stated the applicant had received no degree from that school.

Miss L. C. BROWN, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Berlitz School of Languages, advised that according to the records of that office, the applicant had pursued a course in Spanish at that school from February 28, 1949 until May 23, 1949 at which time he withdrew. She stated that the applicant had been instructed by private tutors during that period, and that only one of those numerous tutors is currently available at the school. Miss BROWN said that the applicant's record had been entirely satisfactory while in attendance there.

Miss JULIA GONZALES, Spanish instructor, Berlitz School of Languages, advised that she had been one of the applicant's private tutors while he had attended that school, and she said she recalled him quite favorably in every respect. She said she had not known him well enough to comment concerning his character, loyalty and reputation.

REFERENCE

Rev. CLARENCE E. NELSON, Augustana Lutheran Church, New Hampshire Avenue at V Street NW, advised that the applicant has been a member of his congregation for the past two years or more, and said he is the President of the Young People's Fellowship at that church. He described the applicant as a reliable boy in every way and said there was no question in his mind concerning the applicant's loyalty to the government. Rev. NELSON recommended Mr. LAINGEN very highly for government employment.

NEIGHBORHOOD

YMCA

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Mr. E. S. ESTES, Assistant Resident Secretary, YMCA, 1736 G Street NW, advised that the records of his office reflect that Mr. LAINGEN had resided as a guest at the YMCA from February 3, 1949 until February 15, 1949. Mr. ESTES stated the applicant had not been known to him personally, but that his record was entirely satisfactory.

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Mrs. CORA E. AULT, Landlord, [redacted] advised that Mr. LAINGEN had resided as a roomer at her house for almost a year, beginning his residence there in February of 1949. She recalled him as being a boy of excellent character and reputation, and said he had always behaved as a gentleman. Mrs. AULT said there was no question in her mind concerning the applicant's loyalty to the U. S. Government, and she recommended him highly. Mrs. AULT further stated that none of the present tenants at that address had resided there when the applicant had lived there, and she was unable to recall the name of the applicant's former roommate at that address.

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2027 O Street NW

Mr. DOUGLAS HATCH, Practicing Attorney, [redacted] advised that he rents an apartment at 2027 O Street NW to a group of boys, of which the applicant is one. He stated that he is not personally familiar with the applicant as an individual, but can only report that the boys as a group have conducted themselves as gentlemen at all times. He stated that he has never received any complaints concerning any of the boys at that address, and said that in his limited contacts with the boys, he has never been aware of any derogatory information concerning them. Mr. HATCH was unable to furnish the exact dates of the applicant's residence at that address, explaining that the members of that group of boys are constantly changing, as some of the boys leave town and others take their place.

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Miss ANITA POWELL, [redacted] advised that she resides in [redacted]

[redacted] She said she believed that the applicant, as well as his roommates, are boys of excellent character and reputation. She said that no unfavorable information concerning any of the boys in that group has ever been brought to her attention. She said she has never seen evidence of excessive drinking on the part of any of these boys, and said they have never held any wild parties at any time.

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Mr. JAMES F. BARIE, Budget Examiner, Bureau of the Budget, advised that he has been residing [redacted] since January 1950. He said that the applicant is a man of excellent character and reputation in every respect, and said there was no question in his mind concerning Mr. LAINGEN'S loyalty to the Government. Mr. BARIE said the applicant is very interested in working overseas for the Government, and he recommended him highly for that type of work.

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Mr. EDWARD B. STRAIGHT, Organization and Methods Examiner, Bureau of the Budget, advised that he has known the applicant for the past year inasmuch as they [redacted]. He stated that he and the applicant are members of a group of boys who [redacted] and he described Mr. LAINGEN as a religious minded individual whose moral habits are excellent and whose loyalty to the Government is above reproach. He described the applicant as being "a good security risk" and he recommended him highly for responsible Government employment.

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Mr. HENRY P. HOMANS [redacted] advised that he has been [redacted] for the past nine months, although he said the applicant has resided at that address for approximately the past twelve months. He said he has come to know Mr. LAINGEN quite well and believes him to be a man of outstanding character and reputation. He described the applicant as being a very sincere person in everything he does, and he said he could recommend Mr. LAINGEN as being a loyal American citizen.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that LOWELL BRUCE LAINGEN, born August 6, 1922 at Odin Township, Minnesota, had been issued Passport No. 44339 as of April 11, 1947 for travel in Sweden, Norway and Denmark for purpose of study. This record reflected the applicant's permanent residence as Butterfield, Minnesota and contained no derogatory information.

The confidential investigative files of the Civil Service Commission have been found to contain no additional information regarding the applicant.



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The security files of the Department of State reflected that the applicant had been investigated by that agency August and September of 1948 for possible employment with that agency, and this investigation disclosed no unfavorable information regarding the applicant.

The credit records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C., contained no credit information regarding the applicant, and contained no additional background information regarding him.

The criminal records of the Washington Police Department have been searched with negative results regarding the applicant.

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities as well as the records of the Office of Naval Intelligence have been searched with negative results regarding the applicant.

The Bureau has advised that a search of the central files of the FBI has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with the applicant was found.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Agency checks were conducted by the following Special Employees:

Passport: SE LEO MURPHY  
D. C. Credit: WALTER J. TOLSON  
C. D. Criminal: NICHOLAS R. MANFREDI  
HCUA: ROBERT E. BULLOCK  
ONI: MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY  
Navy record: J. C. WILLIAMS

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA

VOICE OF AMERICA

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AS REQUIRED IN SEC. 1001, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS

1. FULL NAME (initials and abridge- ments of full name are not acceptable)		MR MRS MISS	(First)  (Middle)  (Maiden, if any)  (Last)
2. PLACE OF BIRTH Odin Township, Minnesota		DATE OF BIRTH August 6, 1922	
3. CITIZEN: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF NATURALIZED: DATE OF NATURALIZATION	
4. EDUCATION (Circle highest grade completed): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 <u>12</u>		(A) GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED Butterfield High School, Butterfield, Minnesota	
MARK (X) THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL		(B) SUBJECTS STUDIED IN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH APPLY TO POSITION DESIRED History, Social Studies, Commercial Law	
(C) NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY		MAJOR AND SPECIALTY	DATES ATTENDED FROM TO DAY NIGHT
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.		Hist.-Ec.	1940 1943 3
U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis		Int. Rel.	1946 1948 2
U. of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa		Sociology	1944 1944 1/2 (V-12 training unit)
5. COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY		Statistics	
DATES	TITLE OF POSITION	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
March, 1949	Intelligence	U. S. Department of State	Washington, D. C.
to date	Research Analyst		
(Previous employment only for periods of short duration, including summer employment, odd jobs while a student, and work on my father's farm.)			
6. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR LAST 10 YEARS			
DATE	STREET	CITY	STATE OR COUNTRY
1940-1950	Permanent Residence at	Butterfield, Minnesota, with	following periods of
	temporary residence:		
Sept. - June (1940-1943)	St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.		
July 1943 - August 1946	US Navy service.		
Sept. 1946 - June 1947	U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.		
June 1947 - November 1947	travel in Scandinavia.		
Dec. 1947 - June 1948	U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.		
Feb. 1949 - date	2027-O St., N.W.,	Washington, D. C.	
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